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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF PRG AND VARIOUS NATIONAL

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT FEBRUARY 1974

GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF WAR

REF: STATE 027026

1. SUMMARY: GON WILL VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTAIN ON
QUESTION OF PRG'S PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE
ON LAW OF WAR, AND SHARES US VIEWPOINT RE PARTICIPATION
BY AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. GON PROBABLY WILL
ABSTAIN IF SPECIFIC QUESTION OF GUINEA-BISSAU'S
PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE COMES TO VOTE. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, ON FEB 12 WE MADE DEMARCHE

RE PRG AND LIBERATION MOVEMENT ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA CONFERENCE TO MFA OFFICIAL WHO WILL BE MEMBER DUTCH DELEGATION AT CONFERENCE. HE SAID NETHS POSITION ON QUESTIONS WE RAISED AWAITING DECISION BY FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, WHO WOULD BE INFORMED OF OUR APPROACH, BUT HE COULD ADVISE US OF MFA STAFF-LEVEL THINKING.

3. RE PRG, OFFICIAL SAID NETHS POSITION IS THAT IT IS NOT A STATE AND NETHS WILL NOT VOTE FOR ITS FULL PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HE EXPLAINED, BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL THOUGH ADMITTEDLY NOT DIRECTLY RELATED NETHS STANCE THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE HEARD WHERE THEIR INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED, HE WASN'T ABLE TO PREDICT WHETHER NETHS WOULD VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTAIN WHEN QUESTION PRG PARTICIPATION ARISES.

4. RE PARTICIPATION BY AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, OFFICIAL SAID NETHS AGREES "100 PERCENT" WITH US POINT OF VIEW AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THIS POSITION WOULD BE REFLECTED BY NETHS DEL AT CONFERENCE. HE MENTIONED OAU MAS IN-HOUSE PROBLEM SINCE MOVEMENTS DON'T ENJOY STATUS OF FULL MEMBERSHIP EVEN WITHIN OAU. HE ALSO NOTED OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF UNGA A/RES/3102, ADOPTED DEC 12, 1973, WHICH URGES THAT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED BY REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FORTHCOMING GENEVA CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS.

5. TURNING TO SPECIFIC ISSUE OF PARTICIPATION BY GUINEA-BISSAU, OFFICIAL SAID IT SEEMS LIKELY LATTER WILL FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF PRG AND ACCEDE TO GENEVA CONVENTIONS, BUT NETHS DOESN'T CONSIDER SUCH ACT QUALIFIES AN ENTITY AS A "STATE". HE THOUGHT SINCE GON CAN'T VOTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE BY GUINEA-BISSAU, AND CAN'T VOTE AGAINST IT BECAUSE OF POPULAR SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF LATTER WITHIN HOLLAND, GON PROBABLY WILL ABSTAIN IF GUINEA-BISSAU PARTICIPATION COMES TO VOTE. GOULD

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